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Applicants : Todd F. BISCHOFF et al.

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For : METHOD FOR SUPPRESSING REACTION OF

MOLTEN METALS WITH REFRACTORY MATERIALS

## REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

1185 Avenue of the Americas New York, N.Y. 10036 June 28, 2006

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Arlington, VA 22313-1450

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In response to the final Office Action dated November 30, 2005, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination of the above-identified application for the reasons set forth below.<sup>1</sup>

Attention is respectfully directed to the attached copy of a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 executed June 22, 2006, by Robert B. Wagstaff, one of the applicants herein.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>A Notice of Appeal was filed May 8, 2006, and a Request for Continued Examination is being submitted concurrently herewith.